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Beauty Is a CURSE



AT FIRST IT WAS THRILLING, EXHILARATING
--KNOWING THAT WHEREVER I WENT, I WAS
THE CHOSEN ONE...



BUT I WAS GROWING OLDER -- OLD ENOUGH TO DISCOVER THAT THERE
WERE CERTAIN DRAWBACKS TO MY STATUS!



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FHAT WAS MY LIFE...THE HOSTILITY OF WOMEN...THE GREEDY PURSUIT OF MEN! I HAD NO PEACE...IT HAUNTED MY DREAMS...



...AND THE RESULT WAS INEVITABLE! I WAS THE ONE IN MY GROUP LEFT UNMARRIED...WITH THE REALIZATION OF WHAT CONFRONTED ME!

A BEAUTY, BUT NEVER A BRIDE... THAT'S **ME**! I'D BETTER GIVE UP HOPING FOR LOVE AND MARRIAGE...AND THINK ABOUT A **CAREER**!



I...I DON'T HAVE ANY PROFESSION...SO IT'S A MATTER OF PICKING THE ONE THING I'M BEST SUITED FOR! WHAT ELSE BUT--A MODEL?



I WANTED TO GET PLACES, AND WAS WILLING TO WORK HARD TO GET MY START! INSTEAD...

FORGET THAT...WITH I'VE HAD NO ACTUAL EX- THAT FACE AND FIGURE, PERIENCE, MR. NILEN. YOU'RE A NATURAL TO GET BUT...

TO THE TOP! FIRST COMES A BIG PROMOTION CAMPAIGN...AND THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO NAME OUR OWN PRICE IN GETTING YOU MODELING ASSIGNMENTS!



IT WASN'T LONG TILL FRED NILEN OF THE NILEN AGENCY PUT ME OVER...BUT BIG!

MY PICTURE ON THE COVER OF **LIVE** MAGAZINE! YOU'VE DONE WONDERS!



EVER SINCE I SAW YOU, I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THOSE LIPS...AND NOW I'M GOING TO **FIND OUT**!

NOT THAT SAME OLD ROUTINE AGAIN! BROTHER...IT'S NOT BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU!



SIT TOOK ALL MY EXPERIENCE TO BREAK FROM HIS EMBRACE AND LEAVE THE NILEN AGENCY FLAT! THIS MARKED AN END TO MY CAREER OF MODELING, I VOWED...BUT A FEW DAYS LATER...

THIS IS THE LE GRANDE MODEL AGENCY--**ROBERT LE GRANDE!** I SAW YOUR PICTURE ON THE COVER OF *LIVE...* AND I FEEL WE CAN GO PLACES, WORKING TOGETHER!



BUT APPARENTLY MR. LE GRANDE WAS HARD TO PERSUADE: FOR AN HOUR LATER, I OPENED MY DOOR TO...

I'M ROBERT LE GRANDE, MISS RUSSELL! I DON'T KNOW YOUR REASONS FOR NOT WANTING TO MODEL, BUT MINE IS A STRICTLY BUSINESS OFFER! \$10,000 MINIMUM FOR SIX MONTHS--AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, YOU CAN WALK OUT!



THE OFFER WAS FABULOUS...BUT EVEN MORE SO WAS THE MAN HIMSELF! NEVER HAD I KNOWN A HANOSOMER...OR MORE MAGNETIC! UNBIDDEN, THE ANSWER ROSE TO MY LIPS...

I'LL... GIVE YOUR OFFER A TRY! **GOOD!** LET'S GET STARTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE--WE'VE GOT SOLID WORK AHEAD!



MY FIRST POSE WAS A BATHING-SUIT JOB...AND I FELT A MOMENTARY PANG OF DISMAY: **WAS LE GRANDE STRICTLY BUSINESS--OR WAS THIS JUST ANOTHER COME-ON?**

RELAX, WON'T YOU? YOUR HAND...JUST ABOUT HERE, I THINK!

HIS TOUCH, IT--IT DOES THINGS TO ME! BUT LET HIM JUST DARE STEP OUT OF LINE, AND...



BUT INSTEAD...

THIS IS...CRAZY! I WAS ALL SET TO LET HIM HAVE IT--AND NOW I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT HE DIDN'T TRY TO KISS ME!



FOLOWED WEEKS OF EXACTING TOIL--FOR ROBERT LE GRANDE WAS A STERN TASKMASTER! NEVER DID HE GIVE ME THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE TO OBJECT TO HIS BEHAVIOR--AND MY ADVERTISING ACCOUNTS AND BANK BALANCE GREW! IT WAS THE CAREER I'D SOUGHT--BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH! I WANTED--LOVE!



BUT LOVE, APPARENTLY, WAS THE ONE THING I WASN'T TO HAVE FROM THIS QUARTER! TRUE, I HAD HIS WARM AND SINCERE FRIENDSHIP...

THIS POSE IS TOO STIFF... I CAN FEEL IT!

YOU'RE TOO TENSE, NINA--YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD! LET'S KNOCK OFF AND GO FOR A WALK IN THE PARK!



NEVER THE SLIGHTEST PASS, NOT EVEN A GOOD-NIGHT KISS--NO MATTER HOW I HUNGERED FOR IT!

NIGHT, KID--SEE YOU AT THE OFFICE TOMORROW!

WHY SHOULD HE BE THE ONLY MAN I EVER MET--WHO DOESN'T FIND ME DESIRABLE ENOUGH?

NIght after restless night I pondered over the vexing problem...

HAVE I LOST MY CHARM, MY APPEAL... OR IS IT JUST THAT HE'S A WOMAN-HATER? IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL... JUST TO FEEL HIS LIPS...



ETHOUGHT IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN--BUT IT CAME ABOUT IN A STRANGE WAY...

NO--NO! HANG IT. HAVEN'T YOU EVER KISSED A WOMAN BEFORE? YOU DON'T PECK AT HER!



THE IDEA OF THIS AD IS THAT HER PERFUME INTOXICATES YOU, AND COMBINED WITH HER BEAUTY DRIVES YOU MAD! YOU CAN'T RESIST HER! YOU GRAB HER--KISS HER...



--LIKE THIS! OH-HHH!



HOW CAN I TELL WHAT HIS LIPS DID TO ME? MY HEART THUDDED, MY SENSES REELED UNDER THIS STRANGE NEW ECSTASY--AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, I KNEW THE TRUE MEANING OF LOVE!

WELL--I GUESS THEY DON'T WANT ME AROUND HERE ANYMORE!



WHEN WE PAUSED... STUNNEO... BREATHLESS...

IT MIGHT HAVE STARTED OUT THAT WAY... BUT I'M AFRAID I GAVE MYSELF AWAY! YOU SEE... I'M CRAZY ABOUT, YOU, NINA!

GOLDEN WORDS, AND THEY HELD RAPTURE FOR ME! HOW COULD I HELP BUT THROW MYSELF INTO HIS ARMS PLEDGING MYSELF TO HIM FOR NOW... FOR EVER!

I LOVE YOU... LOVE YOU...

MY... NINA!

THERE WERE NO NIGHTMARES THAT NIGHT... ONLY BLISSFUL HAPPINESS...

THESE MONTHS HE'S SPENT LEARNING TO KNOW ME... THEY HELPED OUR FRIENDSHIP BECOME ROMANCE! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, SOMEONE LOVES ME AS A PERSON... NOT JUST FOR A HOLLOW SHELL OF BEAUTY!

NOW LIFE BECAME ONE ETERNAL SPRINGTIME! WE WERE TOGETHER CONSTANTLY... DURING THE DAY AT WORK, AND AT NIGHT WHEN THE MAGIC CARPET OF ROMANCE WAS OURS!

AND THEN LIKE A BOLT FROM THE BLUE... THAT TRAGIC MORNING! I HAD ARRIVED AT WORK EARLIER THAN USUAL...

WHY, THAT'S
...FRED
NILEN'S
VOICE!

GOTTA HAND IT TO YOU FOR KEEPING HOLD OF THAT RUSSELL GAL, BOB! NOW I KNOW WHY YOU WANTED THE LOWDOWN ON WHY SHE'D LEFT MY PLACE! YOU PROFITED FROM MY MISTAKES, EH?

I SURE DID, FRED! WHEN YOU TOLD ME SHE'D LEFT IN A HUFF BECAUSE YOU'D MADE A PASS AT HER, I KNEW SHE WAS THE TYPE WHO HAD TO BE HANDLED CAREFULLY! THAT'S WHY I PLAYED MY CARDS DIFFERENTLY! I INTRIGUED HER BY NOT MAKING PASSES... AND WAITED TILL I KNEW HER BETTER BEFORE EVEN KISSING HER!

OH-HH!



SCARRED FOR LIFE!
THE KNOWLEDGE TORTURED
ME IN THE TERRIBLE DAYS OF
MY CONVALESCENCE! ROMANCE
AND BEAUTY WERE BOTH THINGS
OF THE PAST NOW! I NO LONGER
WOULD I EVER HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT BEING LOVED FOR MY-
SELF... FOR THERE WAS
NOTHING ELSE LEFT!

BOB HASN'T EVEN... COME TO SEE
ME... WHICH PROVES I WAS RIGHT
ABOUT HIM! HE ONLY WANTED MY
BEAUTY... IT WAS VALUABLE TO
HIS AGENCY! AND NOW... HE'S
FINISHED WITH ME!

WHO CAN DESCRIBE THE DESPAIR OF THAT
DAY WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I GAZED
UPON MY SCARRED FACE? BUT THEN...

THIS IS... WHAT'S
LEFT OF ME! IT'S
...UGLY...

NO, DARLING...
IT COULDN'T
BE! YOU'LL
ALWAYS BE
BEAUTIFUL...
TO ME!

WHIRLED AT THAT FAMILIAR VOICE,
INSTINCTIVELY COVERING MY FACE...

YOU! WHAT DID YOU
COME HERE FOR...
TO MOCK ME?

NO... JUST TO TELL YOU
THAT I LOVED YOU BE-
FORE... LOVE YOU **NOW**...
AND WILL **ALWAYS**
LOVE YOU! I PURPOSELY
WAITED UNTIL YOUR BAND-
AGES WERE OFF, TO
PROVE IT MADE **NO**
**DIFFERENCE TO
ME!**

DON'T YOU **GET IT?** IT'S **YOU** I LOVE...
THE FINE PERSON YOU ARE... NOT THE
BEAUTY YOU HAPPENED TO HAVE! I
DISCOVERED THAT THE FIRST TIME
I KISSED YOU! MATTER OF FACT,
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO TELL **THAT**
TO FRED NILEN WHEN YOU BUTTED
IN ON US! AND IF YOU DON'T
BELIEVE THAT...

...MAYBE **THIS** WILL
CONVINCE YOU...
SWEETHEART!

MY...
DARLING!

THE ECSTASY OF HIS KISS TOLD ME ALL I'D EVER NEED KNOW!
AND OUR MARRIAGE, THE FOLLOWING WEEK, MARKED THE CULMI-
NATION OF A SWEET AND TENDER LOVE! MAYBE I DIDN'T
HAVE THE LOVELINESS WHICH ONCE HAD BEEN MINE! BUT
NOW THE CURSE OF BEAUTY HAD BEEN FOREVER REPLACED
...BY THE BLESSING OF HAPPINESS!



THE
END!

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STARS & EYES

"THIS IS THE last time," Ellen promised herself as she climbed the steps to the roof of the apartment house. "I'll tell him so tonight!"

He was waiting for her, she knew, his cigarette making a little burnt-orange light in the night. Nervously, she again rehearsed what she'd been rehearsing since last night, when she'd had a date with Stan Bellows, the boss's son.

Stan had taken her out to a good restaurant. He never seemed to glance at the prices on the menu, ordering the most expensive foods with an accustomed air. And he'd admired Ellen with his eyes all through dinner and later, when they went driving, he'd admired her with words, with promises, with...kisses!

"You're lovely," he'd said. "I've had my eye on you ever since you came to work for dad, but you always seemed to be tied up! Tell me, Ellen, have you got a guy? A steady one, I mean?"

Thinking of Bud, Ellen had answered haltingly, contradicting herself! "No...yes...I mean he's...well..."

"If you're not sure, it can't be serious," Stan had said. "In which case..." Then he'd reached for her and taken her into his arms. His lips had touched hers in a light kiss which grew suddenly deeper and more demanding.

It hadn't been unpleasant, Ellen remembered. Just...not special! But there were other things that were special about Stan! His family was rich, respected. He lived in a part of town that to Ellen was a far-away fairyland, peopled with gracious creatures who lived comfortably.

"Not like this! Not like us!" she thought, wrinkling her nose at the cooking odors that filled the hallway, even as high as the roof steps.

"Bud will understand! He won't blame me! He wants me to have all those things, that kind of life! He would give them to me himself...if he could! He says he will, some day! But...but..."

Bud had a fair job and a fair future. No chance there for the lavish life of servants and leisure, of never caring about the right-hand side of the menu. Yes, she would tell him...now!

The roof door, heavy on its iron chains, swung open with a rusty screech and Ellen was on the roof. There was the little burnt-orange signal. There was Bud, turning to greet her, his smile flashing white in the darkness.

"Bud..." Ellen began tentatively, wondering how to put it.

"Don't talk just yet!" Bud was at her side, his arms around her. "First..."

His mouth was on hers, warm and wonderful. Her heart lifted to his, throbbing wildly. Her arms went about his neck, her hands touched his hair tenderly. Their kiss seemed to last forever and yet, when they separated, it seemed that the kiss had not been long enough.

The lights of the apartment houses swam in Ellen's eyes like twinkling stars. This wasn't a roof-top, but a penthouse! And Bud...Bud...his arms...his kisses...

"What were you going to say, darling?" Bud asked.

"Nothing," Ellen whispered. "Nothing, my darling!"

Miner's Romance

You've read dozens of love stories where poor girl meets rich boy... poor girl wants rich boy... poor girl gets rich boy!

But here's a romance with a **DIFFERENCE**, where poor boy meets rich girl... poor boy **DOESN'T** want rich girl... poor boy --- well, read on and find out the ending for yourself!

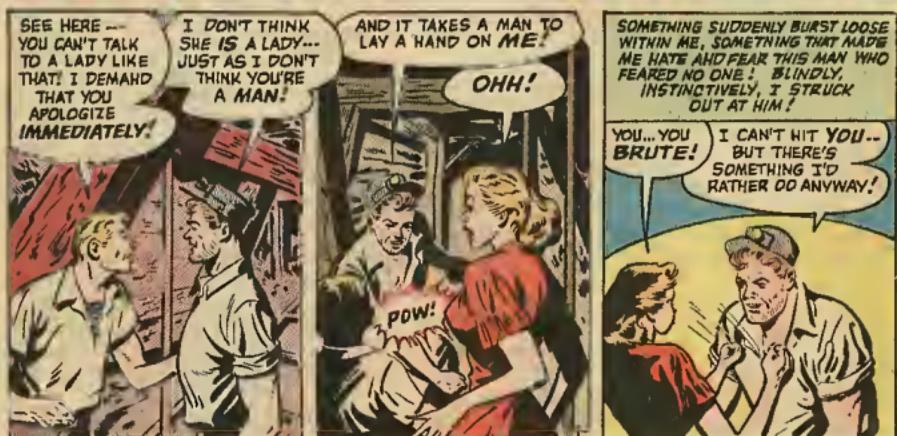


AS THE ONLY CHILD OF A WEALTHY MINE OWNER, I'D ALWAYS HAD EVERYTHING I EVER WANTED --- INCLUDING MONEY AND MEN! BUT THE MEN I KNEW ALL BORED ME-- BECAUSE THEY WERE ALL SO FAWNIN' IN THEIR DEFERENCE TO MY WEALTH AND POSITION!



THERE WAS ANOTHER TYPE OF MALE I OCCASIONALLY CAME INTO CONTACT WITH-- THE MEN WHO WORKED AT MY FATHER'S MINES --- BUT TO ME THEY WERE MERELY PARTS OF A VAST MACHINE WHICH SUPPLIED ME WITH ALL MY NEEDS!





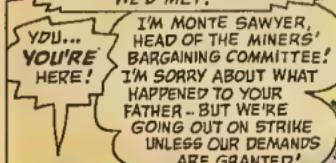


UNABLE TO ANSWER THE TAUNTING QUESTIONS, I TRIED DESPERATELY TO FORGET THE MAN WHO HAD DISTURBED ME SO! I FLUNG MYSELF INTO A ROUND OF PARTIES, OF DATES WITH MANY MEN-- BUT NONE OF THEIR KISSES COULD DISPEL THE MEMORY OF ONE UNFORGETTABLE EMBRACE!

IT WAS AN EMERGENCY CALL! MY FATHER HAD JUST SUFFERED A PARALYTIC STROKE IN THE MIDST OF A VIOLENT ARGUMENT WITH A COMMITTEE OF MINERS, WHO WERE DEMANDING HIGHER WAGES AND BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS! HORRIFIED, I HURRIED HOME...



BUT DOWNSTAIRS, I FOUND THE ONE MAN WHOM I HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO HANDLE THE ONE PREVIOUS TIME WE'D MET!



I'M CARRYING ON FOR DAD -- AND I'M NOT FORGETTING THAT YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONE WHOSE UNREASONABLE DEMANDS CAUSED HIS STROKE!

UNREASONABLE? IT'S BECAUSE YOUR FAMILY WON'T GRANT US BETTER WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS THAT THE MEN ARE SICK AND THEIR FAMILIES IN WANT! I'M WARNING YOU --- TURN DOWN OUR REQUEST AND YOU SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!



I KNEW THAT I HATED THIS MAN, AND DIDN'T HESITATE TO TURN DOWN THE MINERS' DEMANDS AND ORDER THEM FROM THE HOUSE! BUT THE NEXT DAY, AT A MEETING WITH THE MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS -

YOU FAIL TO REALIZE, MISS STANTON, THAT A STRIKE WOULD BE COSTLY TO THE COMPANY AS WELL AS TO THE WORKERS! IF THEY DON'T MINE COAL, YOU WON'T MAKE ANY PROFITS -- AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PAY OFF THE HEAVY INDEBTEDNESS THE COMPANY IS BURDENED WITH! YOU MIGHT END UP BY LOSING THE ENTIRE BUSINESS!

I... I NEVER REALIZED BEFORE THAT I OWN ALL MY WEALTH TO THOSE WORKERS... BUT I CAN'T LET THEM REDUCE ME TO POVERTY!



AND SO I SUMMONED MONTE SAWYER TO MY HOME THAT NIGHT! I MADE SURE, OF COURSE, THAT I WAS DRESSED IN MY MOST ALLURING GOWN...

WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH ME, MISS STANTON? FINALLY DECIDE TO GRANT OUR DEMANDS?

IT'S MUCH TOO HOT TO DISCUSS BUSINESS HERE! SHALL WE GO OUT ON THE TERRACE, WHERE IT'S COOL... AND PRIVATE?



SUDDENLY, AN INSPIRED IDEA CAME TO ME! I KNEW WHAT I HAD TO DO TO KEEP THE MINES OPERATING, AND AT THE SAME TIME GET EVEN WITH THE MAN I HATED!

I COULD TELL FROM THAT FIRST KISS HOW STRONGLY DRAWN MONTE SAWYER WAS TO ME! ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS PLAY UP TO HIM, MAKE HIM FALL IN LOVE WITH ME UNTIL HE'LL DO ANYTHING I WANT! I'LL PERSUADE HIM TO SIGN A NEW CONTRACT AT THE OLD WAGES AND CONDITIONS -- AND THEN DISCARD HIM!



I DID HAVE SOME BUSINESS IN MIND... BUT NOW THAT I'M SO CLOSE TO YOU, I... I CAN THINK OF ONLY ONE THING...

THAT... THAT PERFUME MAKES MY HEAD SWIM! AND YOUR LIPS... SO KISSABLE...!



JUST AS I'D ANTICIPATED, HE COULDN'T RESIST ME! THIS WAS TO HAVE BEEN PLAYACTING ON MY PART -- BUT WITH HIS FIERCE EMBRACE CAME SOMETHING UNEXPECTED-- A REPETITION OF THE SEARING ECSTASY THAT HAD COURSED THROUGH MY VENS THAT FIRST TIME!



BUT THIS TIME IT WAS HE WHO FLUNG ME ASIDE AT HEIGHT OF OUR EMBRACE!

YOU--YOU SCHEMING, TREACHEROUS FEMALE-- I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO! YOU WANT TO WIN ME OVER TO YOUR SIDE WITH YOUR GLAMOR AND WILES--BUT IT WON'T WORK! I MAY HAVE LOST MY HEAD FOR A MOMENT, BUT I HAVEN'T LOST MY HEART! I WON'T BETRAY MY KIND FOR A JEZEBEL LIKE YOU!



HE STORMED OUT--AND IT WAS AS IF A WINDOW HAD SUDDENLY OPENED IN MY HEART! I KNEW THAT I HAD DELIVED MYSELF AS TO THE REAL REASON FOR MY PLAN--I HAD WANTED HIM TO FALL IN LOVE WITH ME BECAUSE--

I... I DO LOVE HIM -- NO MATTER WHAT HE IS! BUT IT CAN NEVER BE-- BECAUSE HE WOULD NEVER WANT ME!

I SOBbed MYSELF TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT-- ONLY TO AWAKEN TO--



WE WANT FAIR TREATMENT FROM THE STANTONS!

I... I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE HIM, KNOWING THAT THERELL ALWAYS BE THIS VOID BETWEEN US! I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE... GET AWAY FROM HERE!

BUT BEFORE I LEFT, THERE WAS ONE THING I HAD TO DO...

OKAY, WHAT DID YOU CALL ME IN FOR **THIS** TIME? IF IT'S TO TRY ANY MORE OF YOUR SCHEMING TRICKS...

NO-- I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT I'M GRANTING THE MINERS' DEMANDS FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AND PAY--AND THAT I'M LEAVING THE OPERATIONS OF THE COMPANY UP TO A JOINT COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT AND LABOR! YOU SEE, I'M GOING ABROAD -- I-I CAN SEE I'M NOT WANTED HERE!



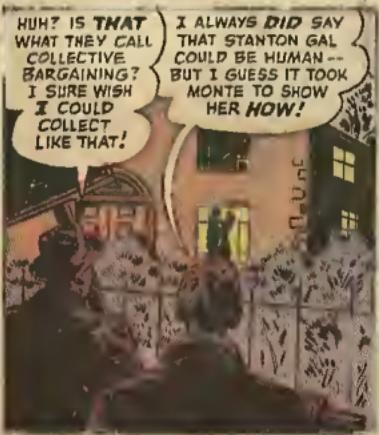
THAT... THAT'S ALL-- YOU CAN GO NOW!

WELL, OKAY... IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT!

I HEARD THE DOOR SLAM BEHIND ME-- AHO MY HEART BROKE IN TWO!

HE... HE'S GONE-- AND I LOVED HIM!





AGE Against AMOUR

BUT HE'S TWICE YOUR AGE
-- OLD ENOUGH TO BE YOUR
FATHER! YOU CAN'T
LOVE HIM--YOU CAN'T!

BUT I DO
LOVE HIM--
I DO!

CAN A GIRL FALL
DESPERATELY IN
LOVE WITH A MAN
MORE THAN TWENTY
YEARS HER SENIOR
-- COULD A MARRIAGE
BETWEEN THEM BE A
HAPPY ONE? I WAS
SURE I KNEW THE
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MORE YOUTHFUL
SWEETHEART
CAME ALONG--
TO COMPLICATE
ONE OF THE MOST
TORMENTING
PROBLEMS ANY
GIRL HAS EVER
FACED!



PERHAPS THIS IS AN ODD WAY FOR A
LOVE AFFAIR TO START -- BUT IT
HAPPENS TO BE THE WAY MY ROMANCE
WITH VINCENT HOLLOWAY BEGAN!

ANDREW-- LOOK OUT!

THAT... THAT TRUCK
DRIVER MUST BE
DRUNK! WE'RE
GOING TO--



When I regained consciousness, I learned that my parents had perished! It was almost too much for a girl of twelve to bear, for I had lost all I held dear in the world-- all except "Uncle" Vincent Holloway, my father's best friend and business partner!

OH, UNCLE VINCE--
SOB! -- YOU...
YOU'RE THE
ONLY ONE I
HAVE LEFT!

DON'T WORRY, JUDY.. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU! I'M **ADOPTING** YOU.. AND I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU GET ALL THE LOVE AND AFFECTION YOUR PARENTS WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU!

Judge fled swiftly under the considerate guidance of my new-found "father": he was my rock and my salvation-- and I grew to love him more than life itself!

YOU REALLY OUGHT TO HAVE HAD SOME BOYS YOUR OWN AGE HERE AT YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY, DARLING! YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL I'VE EVER HEARD OF WHO'S SWEET SIXTEEN AND ACTUALLY NEVER BEEN KISSED!

BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE-- EXCEPT BY YOU!



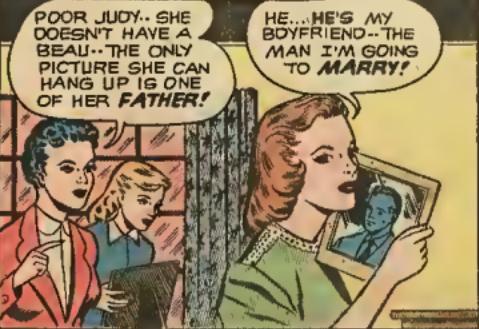
EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT-- UNTIL HIS BUSINESS TRIP TO SOUTH AMERICA SEPARATED US! I PLEASED WITH HIM TO TAKE ME ALONG, BUT HE INSISTED THAT I GO TO FINISHING SCHOOL!

PLEASE,
VINCE--
PLEASE...

SORRY, JUDY.. YOUR PARENTS WANTED YOU TO HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION-- AND I **AGREE**! BUT MAYBE IT'LL HELP IF YOU KNOW THAT I... I'LL MISS YOU TERRIBLY, TOO!



At school, I experienced the anguish of loneliness for the first time! I had little in common with the other girls, who spent most of their time gushing about their boyfriends-- and laughing at me!



They snickered-- which only fanned the flames of my determination to live up to what I had said!

HA-- SHE'S GOING TO MARRY A MAN TWICE HER AGE!

WHY CAN'T I MARRY HIM? HE LOVES ME AND I LOVE HIM-- WHAT MORE DO WE NEED TO BUILD A HAPPY MARRIAGE UPON?



fed by loneliness, my love for Vince soared to even greater heights-- and when I attended dances with boys from neighboring schools, I detested their callow immaturity!

C'MON, HONEY--
PUCKER UP
THOSE
BEAUTIFUL
LIPS...

LET GO OF ME,
YOU... YOU CHILDO!



I DIDN'T SEE VINCE AGAIN UNTIL I WAS 20, AND
THROUGH WITH SCHOOL FOR GOOD! THEN, WHEN
HE MET ME AT THE AIRPORT, MY HEART
FAIRLY BURST WITH HAPPINESS!

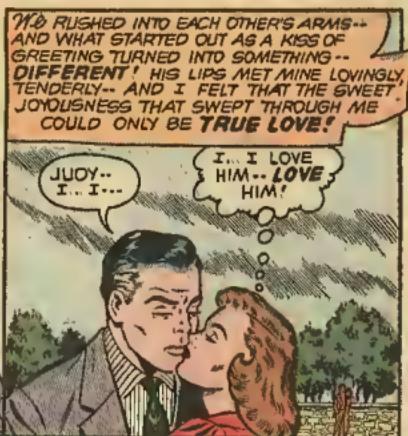
VINCE!

JUDY!

WE RUSHED INTO EACH OTHER'S ARMS--
AND WHAT STARTED OUT AS A KISS OF
GREETING TURNED INTO SOMETHING--
DIFFERENT! HIS LIPS MET MINE LOVINGLY,
TENDERLY-- AND I FELT THAT THE SWEET,
JOYOUSNESS THAT SWEEPED THROUGH ME
COULD ONLY BE TRUE LOVE!

JUDY--
I... I...

I... I LOVE
HIM... LOVE
HIM!



When we finally parted, we looked at each other wonderingly-- and it was then that I noticed his greying hair for the first time!

He... he's older
than I remembered!
But what does age
matter-- as long as I
love him?

Why, I never
dreamed you'd
be so utterly
beautiful,
Judy! I see
you now for
the first time--
as a
woman!

As we drove home--

I... I missed you darling!
Words can't express the
loneliness I felt being
away from you for
so long!

But we're
together
now, Vince
-- and we'll
never part
again!



We were inseparable those first few weeks--
and I hoped it wouldn't be long before he really
began thinking of me as a woman-- and as a
possible bride!

But almost everywhere we went,
vicious tongues wagged!

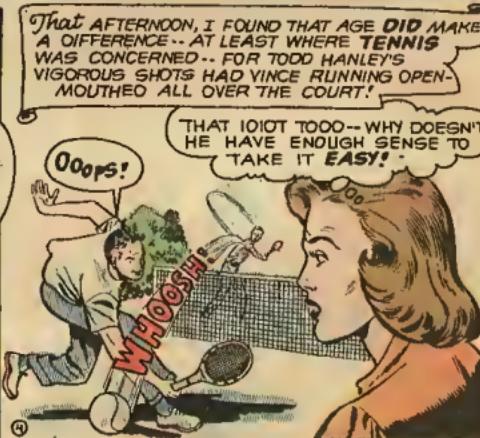
There's Vincent Holloway--
romancing his ward
again!

He ought to be ashamed
of himself! He's old
enough to know
better!



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LET'S GET OUT OF
HERE, JUDY-- I
THINK IT'S TIME
WE HAD A
SERIOUS TALK!



After the Game--

I... I'M BEAT, JUDY! I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO GO TO BED RIGHT AFTER DINNER -- AND SLEEP OFF SOME OF THESE KINKS IN MY MUSCLES!

YES, DEAR-- THAT'S A VERY GOOD IDEA!



There was a strange, undefined longing within me that evening as I decided to take a stroll in the night air! As soon as I came downstairs--

Hi, Judy! I've been waiting for you to come down-- without your father! Did you bring him along as a chaperone?

He's not my father -- but my fiance!



WHAT? ARE YOU KIDDING? HE'S OLD ENOUGH--

LOVE KNOWS NO AGE LIMITS, MR. TODD-- AND I DON'T INTEND TO LISTEN TO ANY LECTURES ON THE SUBJECT FROM YOU! GOOD-NIGHT!

WAIT, I'M SORRY I WAS SO RUDE-- AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE AMENDS! CAN'T WE SIT AND TALK AWHILE-- SO THAT I CAN PROVE MYSELF A GENTLEMAN?

WELL-- I... I DON'T SEE THE HARM IN THAT!



But my heart was pounding strangely, mysteriously! There was something-- irresistible-- about Todd, something which frightened me! Within a few minutes, it was as if I had known him for years-- and I found myself telling him everything about my relationship with Vince! Then--

A single dance-- it should have meant nothing! Instead, it threw me into a whirlpool of confusion! NEVER had I known such throbbing, stirring emotions as when Todd held me close-- NEVER had my heart raced so wildly at the feel of a man's cheek against mine!

BUT THERE WAS MORE TO COME-- FOR AFTER SEEING ME TO THE DOOR OF MY ROOM, TODD SUDDENLY PULLED ME INTO HIS ARMS-- AND AT THE TOUCH OF HIS LIPS, HIDDEN DEPTHS OF ECSTASY WERE AWAKENED IN ME!

It's getting rather chilly out here, Judy-- what say we join the dancers inside?

All... all right!



WH-- WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?



FOR A FEW RAPTUROUS MOMENTS, I SUCUMBED TO THE BREATHLESS ARDOR -- BUT THEN, VINCE'S FACE FLASHED BEFORE MY MIND!

YOU... YOU WERE GOING TO PROVE YOURSELF A GENTLEMAN-- BUT YOU ONLY PROVED YOURSELF CONTEMPTIBLE!

LISTEN, JUDY- I HAD TO BREAK MY PROMISE! YOU THINK YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH VINCE, BUT YOU'RE NOT!



I THOUGHT MY MIND WAS MADE UP-- BUT MY HEART SPOKE OTHERWISE' FOR ALL THAT NIGHT-- AS FACES KEPT WHIRLING AROUND IN MY DREAMS--

VINCE-- TODD--
FATHER--
LOVER-- CHOOSE--
CHOOSE--
CHOOSE!



YOU'VE JUST TRANSFERRED ALL THE AFFECTION YOU'D NORMALLY FEEL TOWARDS A REAL FATHER TO HIM! THE EMOTION IS GENUINE ENOUGH-- BUT IT'S NOT LOVE!

WHATEVER YOU CALL IT-- IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME-- ENOUGH TO GET MARRIED ON!



But in the morning, my uncertainty was dispelled! For when the dear figure of Vince came limping toward me stiff-muscled-- my heart went out to him in a surge of overwhelming tenderness!

I... I DO LOVE VINCE-- I DO!
BUT TODD IS TOO GREAT
A TEMPTATION-- I
MIGHT SURRENDER
TO-- TO INFATUATION!
UNLESS--



VINCE-- JUDY, SWEETHEART!
LET... IF YOU'RE SURE--
LET'S I'LL GO TO MY ROOM
GET AND START
MARRIED PACKING
-- TODAY!

YES, I WAS SURE! AS I
PACKED, A KNOCK SOUNDED
ON THE DOOR! I TURNED,
THINKING IT WAS VINCE...

OH--
IT'S
YOU!

SURE I WAS JUST
HEY! WHAT ARE
YOU PACKING
FOR?



I'M LEAVING
TO MARRY
VINCE
TODAY
AND
THERE'S
NOTHING
YOU CAN
DO TO
STOP
ME!

OH, NO?
WE'LL SEE
ABOUT
THAT!





IT TOOK SEVERAL MINUTES FOR ME TO STEEL
MYSELF TO THE ORDEAL! FINALLY, WHEN WE
WENT TO VINCE'S ROOM, A BELLHOP INTER-
CEPTED US--WITH A NOTE!



And so, soon afterwards, Todd and I were
MARRIED! GONE WERE THE SCARS OF THE PAST,
AND AS THE MINISTER PRONOUNCED US MAN AND
WIFE-- I KNEW TO THE DEPTHS OF MY BEING THAT
THIS WAS THE MAN I **TRULY** LOVED -- THE MAN
I WOULD CHERISH TO THE END OF MY DAYS!



Girl ALONE

"I CAN'T GO! I won't go!" Lenore said to herself for the hundredth time. But she knew, of course, that she would go to the party if only she could find a way. And finding a way meant finding a man.

For that was the difficulty. A girl alone...better to stay home, to go to a movie, the library...better than to be a girl alone at a party! Somehow, that was an admission of defeat. But Lenore was new in town, her circle of friends limited to the small staff of the office where she worked.

There was always Ken Lewis, of course, who had hounded her for a date from the instant they had met. He had also asked her to lunch, dinner, dances. But there was something about him, something brash and crude, that made her recoil instinctively, refusing his every invitation.

Now, he seemed like a port in a storm. He would leap, of course; at the idea of escorting her to a party, thinking that she had at last become interested in him. But she could disabuse him of that idea by maintaining a friendly, but formal, distance between them. Yes, she would ask Ken.

There was no doubt of his enthusiasm when he came to call for her on the night of the party. He had, in fact, gotten into the party spirit many hours earlier, as Lenore could tell from his unsteady walk and his blurred speech.

"I've changed my mind, Ken," she pleaded. "I'd rather not go!"

But he had taken a drunken sort of command, hailing a cab, getting her into it, giving the cabdriver direc-

tions in a lordly voice. Lenore shut her eyes and hoped that he would be better at the party. Perhaps the presence of others would sober him, make him behave.

But the presence of others was a stimulant, urging him to show off, encouraging him to take liberties which he would otherwise not have attempted.

"Gimme a kiss, baby," he slurred, seizing Lenore in his arms and pulling her towards him. "C'mon, don' be shtan'-off sh!"

Ashamed and frightened, Lenore tried to pretend that it was an act, an old joke that she and Ken were enjoying together. But his arms were around her, strong and demanding, and his mouth was close to hers.

Shuddering, she drew back.

"Pardon me," a man said firmly, moving her gently to one side. "This man seems to want some special treatment!" Under the man's guiding hands, Ken wilted, submitting to the pressure of being faced about and marched out of the house.

"He's gone," the man said, returning to Lenore. "He won't trouble you again."

Relief and humiliation flooded Lenore. "I have to go, too," she said, "I'm ashamed...so ashamed..."

The man looked at her understandingly. "You needn't be," he said and there was reassurance in her voice. "Why not stay a while? I'll take care of you!"

"He would take care of me...he can!" Lenore thought. She was no longer...a girl alone!

ONCE ANOTHER GIRL HAD CLAIMED HIS LOVE... A GIRL FAR LOVELIER AND MORE GLAMOROUS THAN I! WAS I WRONG TO STAKE MY HAPPINESS ON A...

REBOUND Romance



I'M NOT MUCH OF A PRIZE ANYMORE, BARBARA-- BUT I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME!

DO YOU REALLY LOVE ME, JIM? OR DID JANET TURN YOU DOWN?

PIAR



I'M BARBARA BLAKE-- WHO LEARNED EARLY THAT MANY THINGS WHICH CAME EASILY TO OTHERS WERE BEYOND THE REACH OF A SHY, PLAIN GIRL FROM A POOR FAMILY!

WISH I HAD A BIKE-- WHY DON'T YOU CARRY BARBARA ON YOUR HANDLE BARS, BILLY?

NOTHING DOING... I'M GOING WITH JANET!



AND AS I GREW OLD ENOUGH TO BE INTERESTED IN BOYS, I BEGAN TO NOTICE THAT THE REALLY POPULAR FELLOWS WERE ALSO NOT FOR ME!

THAT DARN JANET EVANSON HAS ANOTHER NEW DRESS-- AND A MONOPOLY ON THE BEST-LOOKING BOYS! AND HERE I AM, WITH SKINNY JIM WAGNER AGAIN... WELL, I GUESS WE'RE TWO OF A KIND!



YES, SKINNY, AWKWARD JIM WAGNER SEEMED TO BE MY LOT! THE BOY THE OTHER GIRLS RIDICULED BECAME MY ONE AND ONLY STEADY DATE!

I... I WISH MY FOLKS BELONGED TO THE COUNTRY CLUB, SO I COULD TAKE YOU DANCING THERE, BARBARA!

I... I'D RATHER SIT UP HERE IN THE MOONLIGHT ANYWAY, JIM!



MAYBE IT WAS A HABIT, BUT
GRAUALLY I
BEGAN LOOKING
FORWARD
TO MY DATES
WITH JIM! I
NO LONGER
NOTICED HIS
PLAIN FACE
OR SKINNY
ARMS, BUT
ONLY THE FINE,
HONEST,
GENEROUS
PERSON
HE WAS!

I WISH YOU
WEREN'T
GOING TO
BE AWAY
ALL SUMMER
JIM!

I NEED THE
MONEY! AND
MAYBE
WORKING AT
THE LUMBER
CAMP WILL
BUILD ME UP
A LITTLE

MY SUMMER WAS LONELY, AND WHEN JIM RETURNED IN
THE FALL I WAS SO GLAD TO SEE HIM THAT I SCARCELY
NOTICED HOW MUCH HE HAD CHANGED! BUT OTHER
PEOPLE DID--



BUT JIM'S NEWLY-DEVELOPED PHYSIQUE WAS
ONLY THE BEGINNING! HE TRIED OUT FOR THE
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM, AND--



WHAT A FAST BALL!
JIM'S STRUCK OUT
SIX MEN IN A
ROW!

THE COACH SAYS HE'S
THE BEST PITCHING
PROSPECT HE'S EVER
SEEN!

AM I SEEING
THINGS, OR IS
THAT JIM
WAGNER?

IT'S JIM, ALL
RIGHT BUT
WHERE'D HE
GET THAT
BUILD?

IT WAS MIRACULOUS! AS JIM'S BRILLIANT PITCHING
WON GAME AFTER GAME, HE BECAME A LOCAL
CELEBRITY!



FOR ONE THRILLING INSTANT, OUR LIPS
MET, AND SUDDENLY I FELT MYSELF
ROCKED BY A FLOOD OF ECSTASY
THAT TOLD BEYOND THE SHADOW
OF A DOUBT THAT I WAS IN
LOVE WITH JIM!



AND THEN, ONE NEVER-TO-BE
FORGOTTEN EVENING--

GUESS WHAT, BARBARA! A SCOUT
FROM THE GOLD SOCKS WAS AT
THE GAME THIS AFTERNOON, AND
I JUST SIGNED A CONTRACT
TO PLAY FOR THEM AFTER
GRADUATION!



NEXT DAY, I WATCHED FOR JIM AT OUR USUAL MEETING PLACE WITH NEW EAGERNESS, MY HEART A CONFUSED TURMOIL OF EMOTION--

THAT KISS MUST HAVE MEANT AS MUCH TO HIM AS IT DID TO ME--I KNOW IT DID! OH, WHY DOESN'T HE COME?



THEN-- I'VE INVITED JIM AND SOME OF THE GANG OUT TO THE COUNTRY CLUB TO CELEBRATE JIM'S CONTRACT!
--YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME ALONG, BARBARA!



YES, I SAW-- AND A SMALL, ANGUISHED VOICE OF WARNING SOUNDED FEARFULLY IN MY HEART--

MIND IF I BORROW THE HERO FOR A DANCE?



I TRIED TO IGNORE THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL, BUT IT WAS NO USE! AS THE WEEKS PASSED, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT MY EAGER HEART HAD MISINTERPRETED JIM'S CASUAL KISS, AND THAT I HAD NO CLAIM ON HIM OR HIS LOVE!

HE WAS MINE ONLY AS LONG AS NO ONE ELSE WANTED HIM! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN I COULDN'T COMPETE WITH A GLAMOUR GIRL LIKE JANET EVANSON!



AND WHEN JIM LEFT TO JOIN THE GOLD SOCKS, I FOUND MYSELF JUST ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE CROWD OF WELL-WISHERS GATHERED TO SEE HIM OFF!



COMING, BABY!

--WELL, SO LONG, BARBARA--WISH ME LUCK! YOU ALWAYS WERE MY BEST ROOTER!

LUCK JIM

I KNOW --YOU'LL BE A CHAMP AT WHATEVER YOU DO, JIM!

A MORE GLAMOROUS GIRL HAD BECKONED, AND THE MAN I LOVED HAD WALKED OUT OF MY LIFE! WITH DULL RESIGNATION I FACED MY HUMDRUM FUTURE--

YOU'RE THE MOST EFFICIENT ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN WE EVER HAD!

ASSISTANT IN A SMALL TOWN LIBRARY... THAT'S JUST MY SPEED!



BUT JIM
DON'T LEAVE
MY THOUGHTS!
THE PAPERS
TOOK OF HIS
SENSATIONAL
DEBUT WITH
THE GOLD
SOCKS, AND
WHEN HE
TOOK THE
MOUND
AGAINST
THE LEAGUE
LEADERS, I
MADE THE
TRIP TO
WATCH!



THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF JIM'S ENGAGEMENT TO JANET WAS LIKE THE FINAL CLOSING OF A DOOR SOMEWHERE DEEP INSIDE ME!

HOW COME YOU AREN'T FOLLOWING THE SPORTS PAGES ANYMORE, BARBARA?

NOT MUCH POINT IN IT ANYMORE, I GUESS!



I WITHDREW INTO MYSELF, AVOIDING ALL THE PAINFUL NEWS OF THE APPROACHING MARRIAGE! THEN SUDDEDLY, ONE AFTERNOON...

ENGAGEMENT? JIM AND I BROKE UP TWO WEEKS AGO
-- I'M ON MY WAY TO EUROPE!



I... I DON'T GET IT! I THOUGHT SHE WAS IN LOVE! ONLY WITH THE IDEA OF MARRYING A CELEBRITY! WHEN JIM'S ARM WENT DEAD IN THAT GAME A WHILE BACK, SHE CHANGED HER MIND!

I WAS SHOCKED! THE TRAGIC AFTERMATH OF JIM'S ARM INJURY WAS REPORTED IN THE NEXT DAY'S PAPERS--



A MONTH LATER, AS I WALKED DOWN MAIN STREET--

HELLO, BARBARA... HOW NICE TO SEE YOU! WHY, HELLO, JIM... I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT YOU!



I'D HEARD THAT YOU
WERE THE NEW MANAGER
OF NELSON'S HARDWARE...
IT MUST HAVE BEEN A
TERRIBLE DISAPPOINT-
MENT TO HAVE YOUR
BASEBALL CAREER
END SO SUDDENLY!

THAT'S THE WAY THE
BREAKS GO! BUT
BEING HOME AGAIN
HAS **SOME** COM-
PENSATIONS-- HOW
ABOUT HAVING DINNER
WITH ME TONIGHT?

I ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION WITH MIXED FEELINGS,
HALF AFRAID TO EXPOSE MY SUSCEPTIBLE HEART
TO FURTHER HURT--

I WOULDN'T CALL **THAT**
BAD LUCK! I GUESS WE
NEVER REALLY LOVED EACH
OTHER AT ALL!



BUT THERE WAS **ONE GIRL**
MY THOUGHTS KEPT COMING
BACK TO, THOSE MONTHS I
WAS AWAY. **YOU, BARBARA,**
BEING SEPARATED MADE ME
REALIZE HOW MUCH **YOU'D**
ALWAYS MEANT
TO ME!

MAYBE YOU THINK
THIS IS A JOKE!



OH, JIM...
DON'T
JOKE!



THE SLEEPING EMBERS OF MY LOVE
WERE SUDDENLY FANNED TO BLAZING
ARDO! LOST IN A SWIRLING MIST
OF ECSTASY, I SURRENDERED
TO HIS EMBRACE--

BARBARA, YOU'RE
SO SWEET,
SO WONDERFUL...



JIM WAS
MINE AGAIN!
I LOST
MYSELF IN
BLISSFUL
HAPPINESS
EACH TIME
HE HELD
ME CLOSE,
WHILE I
TRIED NOT TO
REMEMBER
THAT A FEW
SHORT WEEKS
AGO, HE HAD
HELD
ANOTHER
GIRL IN
HIS ARMS!

I CAN'T HELP
WONDERING...
DO YOU EVER
THINK ABOUT
JANET
ANYMORE?

WHY **SHOULD I?** SHE
HASN'T CROSSED
MY MIND SINCE
I FOUND YOU
AGAIN!



AND THEN, ONE AFTERNOON--

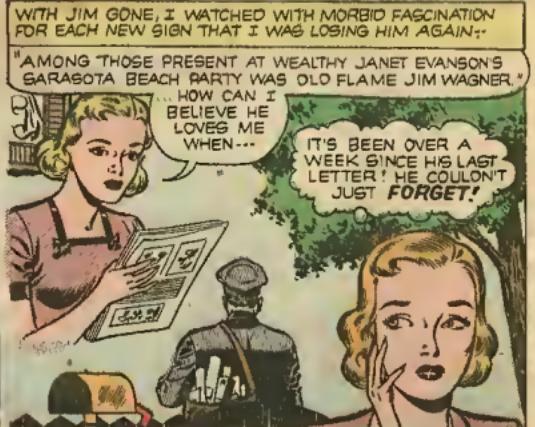
BARBARA, DARLING, I LOVE
YOU! I'M NOT MUCH OF A
PRIZE ANYMORE, BUT I
WANT YOU TO
MARRY ME!

OH, JIM, I'VE BEEN
IN LOVE WITH YOU
FOR YEARS! **OF**
COURSE I'LL
MARRY YOU!

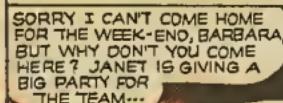




THE GOLD SOCKS RECALLED JIM FOR SPRING TRAINING IN FLORIDA! MY FEARFUL HEART COULD NOT FORGET THE LAST TIME HE'D GONE AWAY...



AND EVEN AFTER THE GOLD SOCKS HAD RETURNED...



I HAD PROMISED JIM I'D BE AT HIS OPENING GAME! BUT AS I PREPARED TO LEAVE...



THIS PICTURE SHOULD CONVINCE YOU! I KNOW YOU WON'T WANT TO HOLD HIM AGAINST HIS WISHES! BUT YOU KNOW JIM... HE'S TOO CONSIDERATE TO LEAVE YOU FIRST!





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